

ABSTRACT

Methods of playing a poker game are provided. One is a method for playing a single five-card hand and involves making an initial wager, dealing an initial three cards into the hand, making additional wagers to receive fourth and fifth cards, if
5 desired, or folding, then deciding to keep or discard each card, whereupon all discarded cards are replaced and the value of the hand calculated and paid. A second method allows play of two hands, using two separate decks. The hands may be related to each other by allowing the player the option of duplicating the first three cards dealt into a first hand into a second hand. The game may be played with actual cards or with
10 virtual cards using a programmed electronic game, preferably a casino-style game providing slots, magnetic card readers, or other means for inserting money, chips, or credit numbers to activate the game, and means for paying out winnings, as are known to the art.